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In re: Patent Application of : PATENT APPLICATION
Timothy A. Okel et al. : Group Art Unit: 1762
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Sir:

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated March 3, 2002 relative to the above-mentioned patent application and respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the aforementioned Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-12, 14-16 and 13, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent 4,436,847 ("Wagner") in view of United States Patent 6,051,572 ("Burns"). Applicants traverse this rejection.

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